Come on out and play, at Patapsco Valley State Park & Soldiers Delight!



July and August 2015
Program Calendar

July 2015

Thursday, July 2nd: Fish of the Patapsco River, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 7-8pm



This installment of our lecture series will focus on the fish common to the Patapsco River and its tributaries. Here at Soldiers Delight we are raising bluegills for release into the river, but what other fish can be found there? How are these fish affected by the changes in landscape, pollution and

invasive species? Registration is required by the Tuesday before so please contact 410-922-3044 to register. This program is \$5/person or \$8/couple. This program is intended for adults.

Friday, July 3rd: Story Hour, Hilton Nature Center 2-3pm 💍

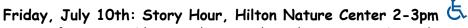
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Sunday, July 5th: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm ⁵
This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free! Donations welcome.

Sunday, July 5th: Storytelling, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 1-2pm A Volunteer Ranger will read short stories with a nature or animal theme in the Visitor Center. Suitable for younger children accompanied by an adult.

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Saturday, July 11th: Solar Observing, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 2-5pm Come out and see the stars in the daytime. We will have specialized telescopes setup in front of the Visitors Center. Free! Donations Welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information.

Saturday, July 11th: Stargazing, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 8-11pm
New Horizons arrives at Pluto. NO WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEE PLUTO! Although we might see which constellation Pluto is in. NASA's New Horizons spacecraft is scheduled to arrive at Pluto after a nine and a half year journey. This will be the first spacecraft to visit Pluto. New Horizons will give us our first close-up views of the dwarf planet and its moons. After passing Pluto, the spacecraft will continue on to the Kuiper belt to examine some of the other icy bodies at the edge of the Solar System. Free! Donations welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information.

Sunday, July 12th: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm 5. This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free! Donations welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information

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Friday, July 17th: Firefly Frenzy, Soldiers Delight NEA, 7:30-9pm

An evening in July is a great time to go in search of fireflies, otherwise known as lightning bugs! Join a naturalist as we explore an open field in search of these glowing creatures. Please call 410-922-3044 to register. Cost: \$2/participant.

Saturday, July 18th: Seashell Art, Hilton Nature Center Visitors Center, 11-1pm ® 5



Make a pencil holder or paperweight out of plaster of paris. Decorate it with seashells and learn the names of the various shells. Cost is \$3 per person. Registration is required. Call 410-461-5005 for more information and to register. This is recommended for ages 3-11 years old. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Sunday, July 19th: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free!, Donations welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information

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Saturday, July 19th: Make Like a Bird and Nest, Hilton Nature Center, 2-3pm Learn about birds and how different species build their homes. Try building a nest of your own using materials found in nature. Free!, Donations welcome. Call 410-461-5005 for more information. This is recommended for ages 5-14. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Friday, July 24th: The Great Skull Mystery, Hilton, 12pm-1:30pm 💺

Have you ever found an animal skull and wondered what animal it belonged to? Come to the Hilton Nature Center and join our Park Naturalist as they teach you how to properly identify animal skulls! You will be learning different skull characteristics and how to use a professional tool for skull identification. Cost:Free!, Donations welcome. This is recommended for ages 5 and up.

Saturday, July 25th: Busy Bees, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 1-2pm 5
Did you know that Maryland is home to over 400 different types of bees? Come to the Soldiers Delight Visitor Center to learn about why bees are so important to flowers. We'll have materials to build bee houses at the end of the program. Please call 410-922-3044 to register. Cost: \$5/bee house.

Sunday, July 26th: History of Patapsco River, Hilton Nature Center 11-1pm. © 5.

Learn the history of the river from a naturalist while painting river rocks to take home. Cost is \$2 per person. Registration is required. Call 410-461-5005 for more information and to register. This is recommended for ages 5 and up. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Sunday, July 26th: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm ⁵ This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free! Donations Welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information. All ages are welcome.

Thursday, July 30th: Frogs, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 7-8pm @ 💍



This installment of our lecture series will focus on the many frogs of Maryland. These critters come in a variety of sizes and create so many sounds. Learn how their habitats are changing and how humans are affecting them daily.

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Friday, July 31st: Story Hour, Hilton Nature Center, 2-3pm 💍

Join us for our weekly story hour at the Hilton Nature Center! Open to children of all ages who wish to come listen, or read their own story. We have a small library available to choose from or you can bring one of your favorites from home. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up or for more information. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome.

Saturday, August 1st: Stream Doctors, Lost Lake, Avalon, 9:30-11:00AM © Come be a stream scientist for a day! Hike, wade, collect and test the waters that feed into the Patapsco River. We will begin at Lost Lake and hike along the Grist Mill Trail (Handicap Accessible) to four different stream sites. Help us determine the quality of the Patapsco River! Open to ages 12 and up. Registration is required. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up or for more information. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, August 1st: Make Your Own Explorer Jar, Hilton Nature Center, 11-1pm © 5. Take a short hike near the Nature Center. Find interesting natural materials to put in your explorer jar, then decorate your jar to take home. Registration is required. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information and to register. Cost: \$3 per person. Recommended for ages 4-12 years old. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

Saturday, August 1st: Owl Prowl, Soldiers Delight NEA, 8-10pm 5 *

Participants will follow a naturalist on a one-mile hike and listen for and try to call out owls *(not handicap accessible). We will also discuss basic biology, habitat, diet, and conservation. Captive owls from our aviary will be on-hand for educational assistance *(handicap accessible). Suitable for families and individual adult patrons alike. Meet at Visitor Center. For ages 16 yrs and up, unless accompanied by an adult. Please call 410-922-3044 to sign up. Cost: \$5 per person.

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Saturday, August 8th: Stargazing: Perseids Meteor Shower, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors
Center, 8-11pm &

The Perseids are famous for producing a large number of bright meteors. The shower runs annually from July 17 to August 24. It peaks this year on the night of August 12 and the morning of August 13. Come find out if you can spot the Meteorite in "Guess the Meteorite game" and win a genuine meteorite. Call 410-922-3044 for more information. Cost: Free! Donations welcome. Appropriate for all ages.

Sunday, August 9th: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm ⁵ This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free! Donations Welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information. This is open to all ages.

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Friday, August 14th: Story Hour, Hilton Nature Center, 2-3pm 💍

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you can bring one of your favorites from home. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up or for more information. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome.

Saturday, August 15th: Leave it to Beavers, Hilton Nature Center, 11-1pm @ 5.

Join a volunteer naturalist and learn about our "Forest Engineer". Also make a beaver picture frame to take home. Registration is required. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information and to register. This program is for children 3-12 years old. The program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Cost: \$2 per person.

Sunday, August 16th: Wildlife Exploration Hike, Hilton Nature Center, 10:30-12pm Come join one of our Park Naturalists as we explore the inhabitants of our Forest Glen Trail (0.7 miles each way). The three people that can spot the most wildlife species will be able to select a prize at the end of the hike. Bring plenty of bug spray and water, and wear shoes appropriate for difficult terrain. We will meet at the Hilton Nature Center at 10:30am. This program is for ages 5 and up. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome. This program will be canceled in the event of inclement weather.

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Wednesday, August 19th: Flower Power, Soldiers Delight NEA, 11am-12pm Join us at Soldiers Delight as one of our naturalists takes you on a short 1 mile hike to discuss and identify flowers and their importance. Then you can come to the visitor center and paint one of our clay pots/plant a seed that you can take home. Dress according to the weather. Please call 410-922-3044 to register. Cost: \$2/participant.

Friday, August 21st: Story Hour, Hilton Nature Center, 2-3pm 💍

Join us for our weekly story hour at the Hilton Nature Center! Open to children of all ages who wish to come listen, or read their own story. We have a small library available to choose from or you can bring one of your favorites from home. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up or for more information. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome.

Sunday, August 23rd: Feathered Friends, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 12-1pm 5. This is your chance to see one of our Avian Educators up close! A naturalist will be on hand each Sunday from 12-1 to talk about a featured feathered friend. Free! Donations Welcome. Call 410-922-3044 for more information.

Sunday, August 23rd: Storytelling, Soldiers Delight NEA Visitors Center, 1-2pm 5.

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Monday, August 24th: Fishing Basics, Avalon, 10-12pm

Join our Park Naturalist at Lost Lake for a chance to get more experience baiting and casting lines. Once you have learned some basic skills you will be ready to catch some of the lake's resident bluegill. Our Naturalist will be providing fishing supplies but we do encourage you to bring your own

supplies for a more personal feel. For ages 5 and up, the program will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather. Please call 410-461-5005 to sign up or for more information. Cost: \$3

Friday, August 28th: Story Hour, Hilton Nature Center, 2-3pm 💍

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Sunday, August 30th: Nature Bingo, Hilton Area, 4:30-5:30pm

Hike and explore the Forest Glen and Pigs Run trails on a moderate 1.5 mile hike, while filling in your Nature Bingo card for a chance to win a prize. This program is open to kids ages 5 -12 years old. We will be meeting at the Forest Glen trail-head. Bring water and wear shoes suited to difficult terrain. Please call 410-461-5005 for more information. Cost: Free!, Donations welcome.

Denotes programs suitable for wheelchairs. Accommodations for individuals with disabilities will be provided upon request. Seven days advance notice is required.

Program fees do not include park admission. Programs that require registration may be subject to cancellation based on minimum participation requirements— so please sign up in advance!

In general, programs led by park staff are free unless they require additional resources or training. Programs involving Scales & Tales animals are \$5. Additional fees may be added to cover the cost of program materials. Programs led by volunteers are generally free, but donations are accepted and given to the appropriate park "Friends of" organization to benefit the park.

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Patapsco Valley State Park Hours of Operation:

Park Headquarters: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. phone 410-461-5005

Scales & Tales: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. phone 410-461-5005

Soldiers Delight NEA: phone 410-922-3044 (call for Visitor Center hours)

ALL OTHER AREAS OF THE PARK ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO SUNSET

TO MAKE SHELTER OR CAMPING RESERVATIONS CALL: 1-888-432-CAMP or log on to http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us

In case of emergency dial 911 To report a violation in the Park or to contact a Ranger call 1-800-825-PARK

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